

Langsett Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Langsett Parish Council at Langsett Barn, Langsett on Monday 5th December 2022 at 7.00pm

The Chairman of the Council convened an Extraordinary Meeting of Langsett Parish Council which was held at the Barn, Langsett at 7.00pm.

Langsett Parish Council Standing Orders 2020 paragraph 6 sub-section (a)

Present: Cllr Horner (Chair), Cllr Taylor, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Furniss, Cllr Hammond, Mr C Farrell (National Highways) and A Sturdy (Clerk)

22/23 EM1 Apologies for absence

No apologies received

22/23 EM2 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest. It is noted that Cllr Hammond will abstain from any discussions involving Yorkshire Water.

22/23 EM3 Resolved: to open the rest of the meeting to any members of the public who may attend.

22/23 EM4 National Highways Discussion

The Chairman welcomed Mr Farrell, National Highways, who had been asked to the meeting to discuss the position of National Highways regarding the proposals of Yorkshire Water to introduce parking charges in Langsett Barn car park, and any plans from National Highways in response to any impact on the A616 such proposals could have. The Chairman referred to the Peak Park Planning Board meeting in relation to the planning application for charging infrastructure to be installed in the Langsett Barn car park, and the fact that National Highways had raised no objections, concerns or comments was referred to 3 times almost as tacit approval of the scheme. Mr Farrell stated that Highways England cannot give an opinion and there was no data to show parking charges will displace parking onto other roads. These comments will be reported back to the appropriate department within National Highways, as the Peak Park Planning Officer did state that concerns could be raised as part of the Planning process. Councillors stated that there was the data available from the surveys undertaken during Covid restrictions.

The Chairman stated that he hoped that if the planning application to introduce parking charges on the Flouch car park was resubmitted, the appropriate department within National Highways would comment. This comment would be passed to Highways England Spatial Planning Team.

Cllr Furniss requested if National Highways were to have “no objections” the Parish Council be informed ahead of any Planning meeting.

Mr Farrell confirmed that, as the introduction of parking charges is on a trial basis, it will be under review.

Mr Farrell discussed the non-motorised users (NMU) scheme, the planning and design of which is under review, which includes widening footpaths and new fencing along sections of roadside. There will be planned consultation with residents if the project is approved.

Councillors raised the safety issue of crossing the A616 around the Flouch car park, Langsett village and where bridleways go across the A616. It is understood that there is no proposal to reduce speed limits but may be possible to introduce more signage or road markings.

Cllr Taylor mentioned that the right turn from Langsett to Stocksbridge on the A616 , just past Equitrek, needed lighting. Mr Farrell to report back to National Highways.

22/23 EM5 The condition of the Flouch roundabout was raised and it is understood that the National Highways Environmental Team will be making a site visit shortly, although the Parish Council felt that strimming the roundabout would probably be the best option.

Two further issues were raised for the attention of Highways England:

- Drain cover in the road outside the Wagon & Horses pub was damaged
- The roadside grass verge between Gilbert Hill and the Café is extremely untidy

The Chairman thanked Mr Farrell for attending the meeting and the Parish Council will await further updates in due course as appropriate.

22/23 EM6 Broadband

The Chairman had attended a Zoom meeting regarding broadband availability.

Resolved: Clerk to ascertain if BMBC have a Digital Champion to discuss next steps with.

22/23 EM7 Litter Pick

The litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 7th January at 10am, and the Clerk to tell the Peak Park Ranger(s), and to ask for loan of equipment. Following the litter pick will be seasonal refreshments in Langsett Barn and a chance for residents to meet with the Parish Council.

22/23 EM8 Date of next meeting - The date of the next meeting will be Monday 9th January 2023 at the Barn, Langsett at 7.00pm (**new time**)

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____